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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Oral Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 21, 2001, Mary Brown of WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) and Ruth Milkman, Lawler, Metzger and Milkman, counsel to WorldCom, talked by telephone to Jordan Goldstein, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss AT&T's comments on the proposed first quarter 2002 universal service contribution factor, filed on December 13, 2001. On December 20, 2001, Mary Brown communicated by telephone to Kyle Dixon, legal advisor to Chairman Powell, regarding the same subject.

In those discussions, WorldCom stated that it did not object to Commission action designed to address the concerns raised by AT&T in its letter of December 13, 2001. WorldCom stated, however, that any action by the Commission should be the minimum necessary to preserve the status quo, and should strive for competitive neutrality.

Consistent with the Commission's rules, this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

Ruth Milkman

cc: Kyle Dixon
Jordan Goldstein